Artists Bios

Narasimha Kikkeri inspired and encouraged by his parents Smt Sathyavathi and Sri K.N. Rajarao began his violin training in Carnatic music at an early age from Vid.Sri Srinivasa Murthy, Vid.Sri Mysore S Mahadevappa and Vid.Sri Govindaswamy, disciple of Vid.Smt Lalgudi Rajalakshmi and belongs to Lalgudi Shishya parampara.

Narasimha gave his debut concert at the age of 13 and has been performing ever since. Over the years Narasimha has been a frequent performer on All India Radio & TV stations and has represented India at the festival of India during international music festivals at U.K. and former USSR. He has performed at several leading sabhas and cities in India and USA, including Gayana Samaj, Bangalore, Nada Brahma, JaganMohan palace and world-renowned Mysore Dasara Festival, Cleveland Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana, Lotus Festival at Bloomington, Indiana,

He has performed solo concerts frequently at several leading universities including Bloomington Indiana, Berkeley Boston, Cornel, Purdue, Oxford Miami, Cincinnati conservatory, Norman OK, Mary Baldwin, UNT to name a few.

He has also conducted several music workshops at reputed Fine Arts Conservatories and Universities such as Bloomington,Indiana, University of Cincinnati to name a few.

He has accompanied leading Indian artists such as Sangita Kalanidhi Sri T.N. Sheshagopalan, Dr T. Viswanathan, Dr Chitti Babu, Sangita Kalanidhi Sri Chitravina N Ravikiran, Sangita Kalanidhi Trichur V Ramachandran, Sangita Kalanidhi R.K. Srikantan and others. He was blessed to do a solo performance with Sangita Kalanidhi Sri Umayalapuram K Sivaraman. He has also the great fortune of

accompanying legendary Bharatanatyam dance artist, Padmabhushan Sri C.V. Chandrashekar. He has accompanied with Hindustani singer Rashid Khan during US tour along with CD releases.

In addition, he has played several fusion concerts with leading Jazz & drum players such as Rick VanMatre and Glen Velez. He is well adept at playing with Western and JAZZ players and has performed at several Universities.

A very sought-after violinist based out of Dallas, devotee of Dattaguru peetam and by the blessings of Sri Sri Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Narasimha conducts Violin classes regularly at Frisco Hanuman Temple and several students are learning under his tutelage at his Swara School of Music.

Mridangam - Vidwan Poovalur Sriji

POOVALUR SRIJI a prolific composer, performer, educator, an 'A' top grade artist recognized by All India Radio, studied South Indian Classical music from his father P.A. Venkataraman. Poovalur has composed several pieces portraying the South Indian musical idioms to teach Indian Music for the non-endian instruments. Poovalur has received several awards from leading institutions, and the album Tabula Rasa, where he has composed and performed with Bela Fleck was nominated for a Grammy. He found and directs the 'SNEW', the 'South Indian Cross Cultural Ensemble' and "the Bridge' ensembles. He is currently a faculty at the University of North Texas. He has taught at California Institute of the Arts and the San Diego State University.